



Southeast Louisiana Refuges Complex

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Summer 2004 Newsletter and Calendar of Events

Summer Camps Coming Up at Bayou Sauvage and Big Branch Marsh June 14-18

Kids ages 9-11 can once again enjoy a variety of wildlife-related activities during our one-week summer nature camps. The half-day camps are designed to introduce campers to the plants, animals, and ecology of the refuges, plus a peek at how these resources are managed for everyone to enjoy.



Both camps offer guest presenters, live animals, canoe outings, fishing trips, and lots of hands-on ways to experience and learn about the conservation on our area National Wildlife Refuges. Mid-morning snacks are included in the low registration fees. Special after-care activities are available this year through the Audubon Louisiana Nature Center for Bayou Sauvage campers only. There is an additional fee for this after-care service.

For more information or to have a registration form mailed or faxed to you please phone (985) 882-2022.

Breton NWR Centennial

Preparations continue for several activities related to the 100th anniversary of Breton National Wildlife Refuge. The nation's second-oldest refuge was created by President Theodore Roosevelt on Oct. 4, 1904 and later visited by him in 1915.

That visit will be commemorated by a refuge tour for media and dignitaries from our agency, the State of Louisiana, and the National Audubon Society on June 25. A

Society report to Roosevelt detailing the harm to wildlife that was occurring at Breton was the catalyst for his decision to preserve the refuge for all Americans. A special monument will be placed on the refuge to mark its 100th year.

Other planned activities for later in the year include a display of Breton artwork by Walter Anderson, a special exhibit on our brown pelican research and recovery program on display at the Audubon Zoo, a conference of historians and writers who will track the conservation efforts of Roosevelt and others in Louisiana, and our annual Wild Things event on October 2 in Lacombe. This year's event will feature Breton and its superlative wildlife populations.



Roosevelt at Breton, 1915